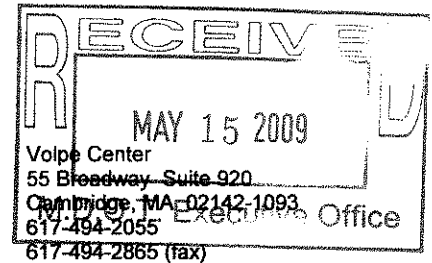




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Re: **Maine FY 2008 – 2011 State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP)  
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act – Amendment #4**

Dear Commissioner Cole:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has completed our review of your letter of April 16, 2009, requesting an amendment to the FY 2008-2011 STIP. This STIP action is designed to add American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funded projects in the Portland, Bangor and Androscoggin areas. Accordingly, as required by ARRA, these projects should be advanced as soon as possible.

In accordance with the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments and Section 450.324(b), a conformity determination is not needed since the projects in this amendment do not impact the previous conformity determination. Furthermore, we are making the following determinations:

1. The projects in the STIP are based on a planning process that substantially meets the requirements of Title 23, U.S.C., the Federal Transit Act and Subparts A, B, and C of 23 CFR 450.
2. The TIPs are based on a continuing, comprehensive transportation planning process carried on cooperatively with the State, the MPOs, and the transit operators in accordance with the provisions of 23 U.S.C. 134 and §5303 of the Federal Transit Act.

On behalf of the Federal Highway Administration, the FTA has determined the STIP, as revised, substantially meets all requirements and is hereby approved. The FTA looks forward to working with MEDOT in advancing the ARRA Program. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

for Richard H. Doyle  
Regional Administrator

Cc: Jonathan McDade, Division Administrator, FHWA Maine Division  
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